

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

1. (currently amended): A racket for ball games including a frame having a racket head and a handle portion connected to the racket head via a heart region,

wherein the frame is formed of a hollow profile formed by winding a plurality of layers,

wherein a plurality of discrete dampening layers are arranged in pairs and essentially symmetrical with respect to the longitudinal axis of the racket,

wherein a at least one dampening layer is provided included on or in one or both of an area between four o'clock and six o'clock and a further dampening layer in an area between six o'clock and eight o'clock on the racket head and in the heart region,
and

wherein the ~~at least one dampening layers~~ are is wrapped between the plurality of layers forming the hollow profile.

2.-3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein a dampening layer is provided at about five o'clock and a further dampening layer at about seven o'clock on the racket head.

5. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein a dampening layer is provided in the area between one o'clock and three o'clock and a further dampening layer between nine o'clock and eleven o'clock on the racket head.

6. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein a dampening layer is provided at about 2 o'clock and a further dampening layer at about ten o'clock on the racket head.

7. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the dampening layer is formed of a material that is one or both of a shock absorbing material and a vibration absorbing material.
8. (currently amended): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one dampening layer formed of a material comprising ~~includes~~ synthetic rubber.
9. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the material of the at least one dampening layer has a thickness ranging between 0.05 mm and 0.3 mm.
10. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the width of the material of the at least one dampening layer is dimensioned such that the dampening layer extends over a winding in the hollow profile.
11. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the material forming the at least one dampening layer has a width ranging between 30 mm and 150 mm.
12. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one dampening layer has a length (L) ranging between 20 mm and 150 mm.
13. (currently amended): The racket ~~according to claim 1~~ for ball games including a frame having a racket head and a handle portion connected the racket head via a heart region,
wherein the frame is formed of a hollow profile formed by winding a plurality of layers, wherein at least one dampening layer is included on or in one or both of the racket head and the heart region,
wherein the at least one dampening layer is wrapped between the plurality of layers forming the hollow profile, and

wherein the at least one dampening layer is provided in the form of a plurality of strips.

14. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 13, wherein the strips extend essentially parallel with respect to each other.

15. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 13, wherein each strip has a length ranging between 3 mm and 10 mm.

16. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the dampening material has a Shore A hardness greater than 30.

17. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the dampening layer is provided under an angle ranging between 0° and 45° with respect to the longitudinal direction of the frame.

18. (currently amended): A process for producing a racket comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing a layer material that is windable;
- (b) placing a sheet of web-shaped dampening material onto the layer material, such that the materials are at least partially overlapping;
- (c) winding the at least partially overlapping layer material and dampening material to form a tube; and
- (d) forming a frame consisting of a frame profile made of the tube, wherein the frame comprises a racket head and a handle portion being connected with the racket head via a heart region;

wherein the frame comprises ~~at least one~~ a plurality of discrete dampening layers arranged in pairs and essentially symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal axis of the racket, of the
wherein a dampening layer is provided in an area between four o'clock and six o'clock and a further dampening layer in an area between six

~~o'clock and eight o'clock on material at or in one or both of the racket~~
~~head, and in the heart region,~~
~~wherein the at least one dampening layers are being~~ wrapped into hollow-
profile layers forming the hollow profile.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein a plurality of strips of the dampening material together form the dampening layer.

21. (previously presented): The process according to claim 20, wherein the strips are arranged so as to essentially extend parallel with respect to each other.

22. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein the dampening material is wound under an angle ranging between 0° and 45° with respect to the longitudinal direction of the frame.

23. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein the frame is molded in a molding press under the influence of pressure and temperature.

24. (new): The racket according to claim 1, wherein at least one dampening layer is provided in the heart region of the racket.

25. (new): The process according to claim 18, wherein at least one dampening layer is provided in the heart region of the racket.